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INSPECTION REPORT

All redactions on this page are pursuant to (b)(6) & (b)(7)(c).

**MACS LAND EXOTICS INC
CHARLOTTE METRO ZOO**

Customer ID: 1891

Certificate: 55-C-0002

**4400 COOK ROAD
ROCKWELL, NC 28138**

Site: TRA

CHARLOTTE METRO ZOO/MAC'S

**Inspection
Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: MAY-07-2004**

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HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

(a)(1) Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

(b)(3) Young or immature animals shall not be exposed to rough or excessive public handling or exhibited for periods of time which would be detrimental to their health or well-being.

(c)(1) Animals shall be exhibited only for periods of time and under conditions consistent with their good health and well-being.

****I observed the two week old tiger cub being handled for approx. one hour. The cub was allowed to be held by at least 12 people during this time frame. There was a period of 15 minutes that the cub was allowed to rest but was in the direct sunlight. The cub was panting and its skin tented when lifted up indicating that it might be getting dehydrated. [REDACTED] one of the handlers, stated that they were using the cub for one hour and then resting it for one hour. The outside temperature was 91degrees Fahrenheit according to the Kestrel3000, with the cooling of the wind it was 88 degrees under the shelter. The table surface that the animal rested on was 93 degrees according to the Raytech minitemp gun. Given the temperature and the signs of stress the animal was exhibiting the animal needs to be provided with alternate cooling methods or more frequent cooling periods. This affects 1 animal.

To be corrected immediately

Animal Inventory: 1 tiger cub

Note: Without the handlers' knowledge, I observed the handling of the cub for approx one hour after the inspection. During this time they provided the cub with cooled rest periods at 20 min. intervals, as suggested, and the cub appeared much less stressed.

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